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SUBJECT: FY-77 U.S. PROFESSOR PROGRAM

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1. CU/AF STRONGLY SUPPORTS PRINCIPLE OF U.S. PROFESSOR FOR BOKASSA UNIVERSITY. HOWEVER, WE ARE UNABLE TO APPROVE EXTENSION OF LINCOLN GRANT FOR ADDITIONAL TERM.
2. WE CONCEED THAT THE U.S. IS GROSSLY UNDERREPRESENTED IN CULTURAL PROGRAMS WITH C.A.R. WHEN COMPARED WITH EASTERN BLOC EXCHANGES, AND THAT DOLS 4000 IS INEXPENSIVE FOR AN AMERICAN PRESENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY.
3. HOWEVER, THE FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR PROGRAM--AND THE ENTIRE CU PROGRAM--WAS NEVER INTENDED TO PROVIDE THE LEAST EXPENSIVE BANG FOR THE BUCK. AS A RESULT, CU/AF HAS FOCUSED ON QUALITY OF EXCHANGE AND MUTUAL BENEFITS FOR BOTH AFRICANS AND AMERICANS. NEITHER OF THESE CONSIDERATIONS APPEAR TO APPLY TO LINCOLN GRANT. HE WOULD TEACH SUBJECTS WHICH ARE NOT A GOCAR DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY, AND HE WOULD NOT BENEFIT FROM THE ADDITIONAL AFRICAN EXPOSURE.

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4. IT IS ALSO UNLIKELY THAT THE INDEPENDENT BOARD OF

FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS WOULD APPROVE EXTENSION. PROFESSOR GRANTS ARE NORMALLY LIMITED TO TWO YEARS, AND "DIRECT HIRE" GRANTS ARE STRONGLY DISCOURAGED BECAUSE THEY DO NOT MEET THE "OPEN COMPETITION FOR EXCELLENCE" REQUIREMENTS.

4. WE HOPE TO PROVIDE SHORT-TERM PROFESSOR AND AT LEAST ONE AMSPEC DURING FY-77.
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